

116th

The 116th Annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association was brought to order by President Gene Keenan. The Junior Cattlemen led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Schleining gave the invocation. Mr. Kesterson gave the welcome from Las Animas and Bent County. President Keenan dismissed the Juniors and Cowbelles. A thank you was given to the Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Association for the Coffee and Donuts they were providing for the afternoon.

Terry Swanson gave a slide show and talk to the group on the Colorado Young Agricultural Leadership Program in which he is participating. He noted the group would be traveling to Washington, D.C. in March.

Don Rolston, Executive CCA Vice President, brought the group up to date on several legislative actions currently under consideration or where they were in committee. He discussed special assessment taxes, special help for farm debt, and workmen's compensation. At the moment there are about 75 to 80 bills currently involved for agriculture. He noted Senate bill #36 was defeated 6 to 3. The BLM and Forest Service split Colorado lands under their jurisdiction. the Eastern side of Colorado would be under Forest Service and the far Western Side under BLM, noting that CCA had opposed it. His final subject was on the vehicle for farm use on income tax. A present proposal is 80 % for farm and 20% for personal use.

Otto Scherzer, CCA President talked to the group. He stressed the need for membership as the tool of representation in order to have a voice with which to be heard. Urged more individual work on membership. He stated the CCA's Young Leadership Conference held in Denver the week before was again a success and if Bent-Prowers would like to send someone next year to be sure and send a letter of nomination as only 10 can be selected each year.

Karen Turner, representative for Cong. Hank Brown. She reminded everyone of the Agricultural seminar Brown has scheduled in Washington, D.C. for March 21-23. Urged everyone to send a letter to Brown opposing the vehicle logging and also letters to their senators and other representatives. The name is HR600 and called the contemporaneous record keeping requirement. She noted

the big fight coming over the farm bill proposal. The Canadians have cut their imports of American beef and the work being done to urge the Canadians to raise them back up.

President Keenan than gave the floor to Tom Spencer, past CCA President. Noted that the NCA had gone on record as opposed to the vehicle logging. He stated the Dairy bill was about to expire and that it was definitely in the best interest to the beef cattlman that it does not get renewed. He stated that it was impossible for the Brand Board to put a brand inspector at Syracuse, Ks, as it was out of the state and felt that the eastern side of Colorado is covered varily well by the existing brand inspectors. The concern shown has arised since the livestock sale barn at Lamar burned down. He discussed senate bill 36.

Jim Clark of the Colorado Beef Board discussed the legislation on the beef check off. The legislation proposed is not to increase the check off from 25¢ to a dollar, but to get the authority to have an industry board with the authority to raise the check off amount if the industry board deems it necessary. It is mainly so that in the future if a raise is necessary the industry board does not have to wait a full year for approval.

At this point President Keenan called for a break and minutes of the previous annual meeting were handed out.

Following the break, Doug Hasser introduced a panel from the Division of Wildlife consisting of Melvin Depra, area wildlife supervisor from Wiley; Mark Elkins, senior wildlife biologist from Colorado Springs; Ron Dresilet, D.O.W. Regional manager for Southeast Colorado from Colorado Springs; and Wayne Shoemaker, moderator from Canon City and also the chairman of the CCA Game & Fish Committee. The panel had been asked to attend the Bent-Prowers meeting in order to discuss antelope and to exchange ideas with the D.O.W. and the members of Bent-Prowers. Topics of discussion included later antelope seasons, different types of antelope licenses such as more of them and more of either sex, proposals for more control of hunters and what can be done for those who do not want any hunting on property, and how many antelope does it take to have an overpopulated area.

Drawings for door prizes from the local merchants were held. Winners included Red Heath, Ken Clar, JoeKasza, Wimp Hughs, and Turner.

President Keenan asked for any corrections or changes in the minutes of the previous annual meeting. Bill Sparks motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Virgil Lessenden seconded. Passed.

Pat Karney gave the audit report which a copy is attached. Clyde McEndree motioned to accept. Jim McMillin seconded. Passed. Jim McMillin noted that the savings account at the First National Bank in Lamar exceeds \$1,000 and made a motion to have it changed to a money market account where it would remain accessable and still draw a higher rate of interest. Terry Swanson seconded. Passed.

Loren Schleining gave the report of the Juniors Cattlemen's Association mentioning that they would be having a special auction to raise funds for themselves and the state organization's scholarship fund.

Southeast Colorado Cowbelle President Marilyn Weber introduced the Colorado Cowbelle President Royalle Wolk. Mrs. Weber told the group of the several projects the Cowbells have been working on to promote the beef industry.

Jay Rowe, Head of the Colorado Brand Board gave a short talk on the current programs of the Colo. Brand Board. He noted that Colorado is a three phase state and as a result has increased the number of cattle inspected during the last two years.

Kiowa County Assessor, Jimmy Bendorf of Eads gave a talk on how the counties had gone about the reassessment of tax evaluations in the state of Colorado. Jim McMillin noted that Mr. Bendorf had received a ~~recommendation~~ from the state on his efforts.

John Smartt gave the financial report of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust. He moved for adoption of the report. Jim McMillin seconded. Passed. A copy is attached.

Bill Sparks gave a report on current membership which at present is 200 CCA paid members with 33 of them new. He thanked those who had helped on membership drives and urged others to help on forthcoming drives with Virgil Lessenden.

Second Vice-President Virgil Lessenden then presented the reolution committee's resolution for consideration.

1. Vehicle loggin opposition -- Jim McMillin motion to accept. Mike Dutton seconded. Passed.
2. Colorado Wildlife Commision reccommendation for Tom Massar -

- Bill Sparks motioned to accept. Jow Oswald seconded. Passed.
3. Thank you to Bill McMillan -- Jim McMillin motioned to accept.
Joe Autry seconded. Passed.
4. Thank you to Ed Dean on past years as punchbowl chairman --
5. Thnk you to the city of Las Animas, business, and news media.
6. Memorial.

President Keenan gave a presentation of an engraved minature punchbowl to Ed Dean for his over 50 years of service to the organization.

Leland Barnes, chairman of nominations read the slate of nominations of officers and directors for 1985-86. Clyde McEndree motioned to accept. Corwin Seconded. Passed.

President - Bill Sparks

1st Vice-President - Virgil Lesenden

2nd Vice-President - Joe Kasza

SEc - Treas. -- John Smartt

Directors:

Corwin Brown	William Rose
Steve McEndree	Bruce Frickenshar
Lew Mathews'	Ed Dean
Wade Swanson	D. J. Schleining
Ron Deeds	Jim Schleining
W. T. Hughs	Doug King
Randy Dunning	E. L. Matthew
Doug Hasser	Pat Karney
Don Higbee	H.H. Mendenhall
Ben Elmore	Ken Clark
Jim McMillin	John Givan
George Blackburn	Mike Dutton
Leland Barnes	Gene Keenan

President Keenan then turned the meeting over to Bill Sparks.

Joe Hasser motioned that the Bent-Prowers send a recommendation to Colorado Wildlife commission that antelope not exceed more than one antelope per four (4) sections, or 9 per township. seconded by Clyde. Ken Clark asked for an amedment to the motion to ask Colorado Wildlife to eliminate all antelope off of a sixcounty area in Southeast Colorado.

Corwin Brown asked to have the motion turned over to resolution committee. Jim Turner seconded the amendment of Ken Clark's The vote was 9 for and 12 against. Defeated.

A vote was taken on the original motion. Passed. It was decided to send it back to resolutions committee.

Mick Mendenhall motioned to adjourn. Clyde seconded.
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca S. Larrew

Over 200 people attended the evening's festivities at St. Mary's School. A special award was presented to the family of Les Honey in memory of the work he had done for the cattle industry. Dr. Joe Jeffries was the main speaker. The auction for the Bent-Powers Trust raised \$1,115.00 and the Juniors raised \$290. Gifts of a plaque and belt buckle were given to Gene Keenan and the Leland Barnes family gave a belt buckle to Bill Sparks to wear during his term as president to be past on to the next president on down through the years. Gene Keenan presented Becky Larrew with a special gift for her five years as secretary-treasurer.

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Internal Revenue Service has set forth a ruling that farmers and ranchers keep logging of vehicle miles.

Therefore be it resolved that Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association urge them to rescind this ruling.

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO WILDLIFE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Michael K. Higbee, of Carlton, will not be seeking another term on the Colorado Wildlife Commission, the members of Bent-Prowers wishes to commend him for the work he has done on the Commission during the past eight years, ..

AND WHEREAS, there is now a need to fill this vacancy,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association's Game & Fish Committee would like to place the name of Tom Massar of Holly in nomination to fill this vacancy on the Colorado Wildlife Commission. It is the recommendation that Mr. Massar will diligently and judicially represent the landowners and hunters alike for the fullfillment of all concerned in the plains area.

WE THEREFORE DO HEREBY RESOLVE that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association recommend to the Honorable Richard Lamm, Governor of Colorado, that he appoint Tom Massar to serve on the Colorado Wildlife Commission.

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~~signed~~

(and)

Whereas - (Bill) McMillan former U.S.DA. ~~assistant~~
secretary ~~has~~ has served the cattle industry for
many years,

The members of Bent Rivers wishes
to commend him for the work he has done.

A big thank you to,

Ed. Dean - for his years of
Punch Bowl service - He Retired
it to Lew Matthews

I would like to take time to honor one of the Bent-Powers directors, who began helping about 38 years ago with the odd jobs of the organization. In 1950, he was elected to the board of directors and a couple of years later he was put in charge of the punch bowl, a position he has been responsible for until this meeting. He asked to be relieved of the responsibility this year so he could enjoy socializing without being saddled with chores.

This will be the 1st time in 50 years a member of the Dean family hasn't been involved with the banquet plans and the 1st time in over 50 years a Dean hasn't been on the board.

Ed tells me he has always followed his father's instructions "To keep everyone sober!" No one ever got too much "Cowboy Punch" but some did not make it to Sunday School the next day.

Ed Dean has always been one to help out in anyway he could so tonight I would like to say "Thank You, Ed" from all of us for a job well done. We hope to get you back on a committee soon.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer their sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who have made us welcome here in Las Animas and have so generously contributed to the success of this 116th Annual Meeting.

SINCE our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We, who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these . . . great men and women, who have gone on before us have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.

LES E. HONEY

This evening Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association will honor an individual who is no longer among us, but the impact of his life and enthusiasm and support for the growth of the cattle industry in the state of Colorado especially Southeast Colorado will be long remembered.

Les E. Honey was well known for his friendly manner and ability to spin delightful stories about his past experiences. He was a man who knew cattle and the market he served through the LaJunta Livestock Commission Company.

Mr. Honey had been in the livestock sales business since July 1954. He was born Oct. 29, 1915 near Tamms, Ill., in Alexander County where his parents, the late Eugene and Ethel Honey, operated several farms.

In 1928, his family moved to La Junta due to his mother's health, They settled on a dryland farm seven miles south of La Junta. The following year they moved to an irrigated farm in the Fort Bent District where they farmed for four years. In 1934 another move took them to a farm near Manzanola.

Les Honey married Margaret Walter on Oct. 1, 1935, Until 1943 the couple lived on a succession of farms and ranches in the LaJunta and Manzanola area. In 1943, Honey moved to North La Junta where he worked as a ditch rider for the Fort Lyon Canal Co., for several years. Concurrently, he farmed, ran a dairy with 23 cows, bought and sold cattle, and while the La Junta Air Base was in operation ran a riding stable with 45 horses.'

In July 1954, Honey joined forces with Ken Varah and leased the Liberal Sales Company in Liberal, Kan. In December 1954 they began building a sales pavilion and pens in La Junta. The first sale at LaJunta Livestock Commission Co., took place on March 28, 1955.

Honey and Varah operated the two sales barns until July 1963. At that time Varah took over the Liberal operation and Honey remained in La Junta taking his son Don into partnership with him. In July 1966, son Ron also joined the partnership. The home owned business grew to be one of the largest cattle auction sales in a five state area.

La Junta Livestock and the Honey family have been long time supporters of the Cattle industry and Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association.

It is with great pride that we present this plaque to the

family of Les Honey to show our gratitude to a man who gave so much of himself to further the growth of agriculture in Southeast Colorado.